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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) Los Angeles – LA Valley College Paid \$28k Cyber-Ransom to Hackers

(U) Los Angeles Valley College paid a cyber-ransom to get back online after the school's computer network came under attack. The cyber-attack caused widespread disruption to online, email, financial-aid, and voicemail systems, including locking out 1,800 students and teachers from their computers. The hack, which launched against the Valley Glen school on 30 December 2016, left the data of 20,000 students compromised. Community college officials said they chose to pay \$28,000 in bitcoins to unlock the ransomware, stating it was ultimately cheaper to pay the ransom than to remove the ransomware virus. After paying the ransom, the school was given a key to re-open access to its digital data. So far, the school said no data breach had been identified and stated it appeared to have been randomly targeted.

SOURCE: 9 January 2017, [ABC 7](#)

### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) Florida – Jewish Centers in Several States Targeted with Threats

(U) Miami Beach - Bomb threats targeted Jewish community centers in several states, but it wasn't immediately clear whether the threats were linked. The Maitland Jewish Community Campus was evacuated yesterday for the second time in a week because of a bomb threat. The complex includes a school, community center, a Holocaust museum, and the offices of the Jewish Federation of Greater Orlando. Police said no explosives were found after bomb threats were received at the Miami Beach Jewish Community Center and the Jewish Community Alliance of Jacksonville. In Nashville, Tennessee, police responded to the Gordon Jewish Community Center after a security guard received a bomb threat over the phone. In Delaware, the Siegel Jewish Community Center in Wilmington was evacuated after a bomb threat was called in. Buildings were evacuated and authorities investigated similar threats in Tenafly, New Jersey, and Columbia, South Carolina. In Maryland, threats also were called into Jewish community centers in Baltimore and Rockville. Last week, bomb threats also targeted two Jewish preschools in Tampa and an Orange County Jewish community center.

SOURCE: 9 January 2017, [AP](#)

#### (U) New York – Bitcoin Exchange Operator Pleads Guilty in Case Tied to JPMorgan Hack

(U) Manhattan – A Florida man pleaded guilty yesterday to charges that he conspired to operate an illegal bitcoin exchange, which prosecutors said was owned by an Israeli who oversaw a massive scheme to hack companies, including JPMorgan Chase & Co. Anthony Murgio, 33, entered his plea in federal court in Manhattan to three counts, including conspiracy to operate an unlicensed money transmitting business and conspiracy to commit bank fraud, a month before he was to face trial. The Tampa, Florida-resident is one of nine people to face charges following an investigation connected to a data breach that JPMorgan disclosed in 2014 involving records for more than 83 million accounts.

SOURCE: 9 January 2017, [Reuters](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL**

**(U) Afghanistan – Deadly Blasts Near Parliament**

(U) Kabul - At least 22 people have been killed and 70 wounded in twin bombings near the Afghan parliament. The attack took place during rush hour, as staff was leaving the parliament complex. No group immediately claimed responsibility for the bombings. Most of the victims are said to be civilians, including parliament employees. Reports speak of a suicide bomber and a car bomb. An Afghan health ministry official said wounded people were taken to Istiqlal and Emergency hospitals. Initial reports suggest the attack is the bloodiest to strike Kabul for several months.

SOURCE: 10 January 2017, [BBC](#)

**(U) Italy – Tunisian with Al-Qa'ida Links Arrested in Raid**

(U) Lazio – Police confirmed that they arrested a 34-year-old Tunisian, who is suspected of belonging to Libyan organization Ansar Al, which has links to al-Qa'ida. The anti-terror operation, targeting individuals thought to belong to extremist organizations based on investigations which began in 2014, took place across the region of Lazio, which contains the capital Rome. Police said that the Tunisian man arrived in Italy in 2008 and was granted permission to stay after marrying an Italian woman, with whom he had a child. He lived on the outskirts of Rome, did not work and had already spent time in prison in Italy for crimes unrelated to terrorism, including robberies and drug dealing.

SOURCE: 10 January 2017, [The Local](#)

**(U) Italy – Suspects Arrested for Cyberspying**

(U) Rome - Italian police have arrested two suspects for cyberspying, in a scheme the Italian news agency ANSA says included attempts to hack into the email of the European Central Bank chief and former premier Matteo Renzi. Postal police at a news conference in Rome said the suspects, a nuclear engineer, and his sister, tried to hack top politicians, business chiefs and heads of public institutions. The investigators did not publicly name the cyberspying targets, but ANSA, citing documents supporting the arrest warrants, said there were allegedly attempts last year to hack into the email of ECB chief Mario Draghi and Renzi, who resigned last month as Italy's premier.

SOURCE: 10 January 2017, [Washington Post](#)

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